The projects identified in the Corporate Plan of NHAI for the 9th Plan Period include 4-laning of high traffic density corridors from Delhi-Calcutta, Calcutta-Chennai, Chennai-Mumbai and Mumbai-Delhi expressways construction of about 1000. Kms, about 50 ROBs, about 30 bypasses around congested towns and bridges over major rivers on various National Highways,

(c) and (d) The major policy components for Highway infrastructure Development through private sector participation (on Build Operate Transfer basis) has been put in place only recently and, therefore, the response from private investors is expected to pick up in near future. Projects worth Rs. 100 crores have been entered into and other projects of about Rs. 1000 crores are in the pipe line.

Construction of Shillong Bye-pass

1678. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the exact date on which construction of the Shillong Bye-pass would start;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Guwahati Bye-pass (National Highway) is not usable by small cars; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to get it repaired for the benefit of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) It is too early to indicate the date of start of construction of Shillong Bye-pass as the firm proposals for alignment of Bye-pass are awaited from Meghalaya Government.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 17.03 crores for Maintenance and Repairs during 1997-98 had been allocated to Government of Assam. The State Government has been constantly impressed upon the necessity to keep the Guwahati Bypass and other National Highways in a traffic-worthy condition.

Length of National Highways

1679. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways in terms of Kilometres constructed in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the State-wise length of National Highways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) A length of 609 K.M. was added to National Highway network during the 8th Plan period.

(b) A statement giving details is annexed.

Statement

Total Length of National Highway in the Country, State-wise

S.No	Name of States	Total Length (Km)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2888
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	330
3.	Assam	2296
4.	Bihar	2547
5.	Chandigarh	24
6.	Delhi	72
7.	Goa	229
8.,	Gujarat	1631
9.	Haryana	698
10.	Himachal Pradesh	854
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	648
12.	Karnataka	1996
13.	Kerala	940
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2946
15.	Maharashtra	2918
16.	Manipur	431
17.	Meghalaya	472
18.	Mizoram	551
19.	Nagaland	113
20.	Orissa	1649

S.No	. Name of States	Total Length (Km)
21.	Pondicherry	23
22.	Punjab	892
23.	Rajasthan	2931
24.	Sikkim	62
25.	Tamil Nadu	18%
26.	Tripura	200
27.	Uttar Pradesh	2733
28.	West Bengal	1638
	TOTAL:	34,608

Night Patrolling on National Highways

1680. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake measures for night patrolling on the National Highways;

(b) whether States would be funded for the extra expenditure required for National Highway patrolling; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The Government has introduced a National Highway Patrolling Scheme during the year 1993-94 under which State Governments depending upon intensity of Road Accidents and extent of National Highways are provided one time financial assistance for purchase of crane and ambulance for removal of damaged vehicles and for providing immediate medical assistance to the accident victims on the National Highways. All other expenditure in connection with operation of the scheme is to be borne by the respective State Governments.

So far, 18 States have been provided assistance under this scheme which is intended to be in operation round the clock.

Toll Tax on National Highways

1681. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the revenue earned from Toll Tax on National Highways in the country during the last' three years, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): No Tolls are levied on National Highways. However, fee on permanent bridges on National Highways is collected. State-wise and year-wise collection of fee during the last three years, is given in the Statement.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of States/UTs.	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	698.56	726.76	587.36
2	Assam	23.91	51.03	39.80
3.	Bihar	133.65	26.93	—
4.	Goa	102.73	165.91	71.56
5.	Gujarat	513.13	593.40	647.42
6.	Haryana	192.65	304.61	—
7.	Karnataka	326.34	171.03	136.78
8.	Kerala	235.07	251.94	282.48
9.	Madhya Pradesh	471.89	563.90	657.06